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SUBJECT: REICHSBAHN CONSTRUCTION IN WEST BERLIN

REFS: (A) BONN 4343; (B) USBER 526; (C) BONN 4247

BEGIN SUMMARY. THE BONN GROUP HAS AGREED THAT THE TECHNICAL-LEVEL SENAT-GDR MEETING SHOULD TAKE PLACE AS SCHEDULED MARCH 17 WITH MODIFICATION OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SENAT SPOKESMAN AS CONTEMPLATED IN REFS (A) AND (B). THE BONN GROUP ALSO HAS PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR USE BY THE SENAT OFFICIAL IN RESPONDING TO POINTS WHICH MAY BE MADE BY THE GDR SPOKESMAN. END SUMMARY.

1. AT AFTERNOON SESSION ON MARCH 16, THE BONN GROUP AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

A. THERE IS NO NEED FOR AN ADDITIONAL GAUS-SEIDEL
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MEETING AT THE PRESENT TIME;

B. THE LINSENMAIR-FUNK MEETING SHOULD TAKE PLACE
ON THE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 17 AS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED; AND

(C) THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR LINSENMAIR'S PRESENTATION
OF THE COMPROMISE PROPOSAL (PARA 11, REF C) SHOULD BE
MODIFIED TO DELETE THE REFERENCE TO THE GAUS-SEIDEL
CONVERSATION.

2. FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) CALLED ATTENTION TO THE
SUGGESTIONS IN THE REPORT OF THE GAUS-SEIDEL MEETING OF
MARCH 15 (REF A) THAT THE GDR MIGHT GIVE ITS RESPONSE
TO THE LINSENMAIR PROPOSAL AT A FOLLOW-UP MEETING.
BOISSIEU STRESSED THAT, WHILE OF COURSE NOT RULING OUT
THE POSSIBILITY OF A FOLLOW-UP MEETING, IT WOULD BE
ESSENTIAL FROM THE FRENCH VIEWPOINT THAT ANY SUCH
MEETING TAKE PLACE VERY QUICKLY. COMPLIANCE MUST COME
IN MATTER OF DAYS, NOT WEEKS. FRG, UK, AND US
REPS ALSO EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH THIS VIEWPOINT.

3. DISCUSSION TURNED TO HOW LINSENMAIR SHOULD REACT
IF FUNK'S ANSWER AT THE MARCH 17 MEETING WAS, AS
EXPECTED, SOMETHING OTHER THAN A CLEAR-CUT ACCEPTANCE
OR CLEAR-CUT REJECTION OF THE LINSENMAIR PROPOSAL.
IT WAS AGREED THAT LINSENMAIR SHOULD BE ASKED TO
OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING GENERAL PRINCIPLES IN RESPONDING
TO FUNK:

A. HE SHOULD SAY AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE AND
REITERATE, IF THE OCCASION ARISES, HIS OPENING REMARK
THAT HE IS NOT EMPOWERED TO NEGOTIATE;

B. IF FUNK SHOULD STATE THAT HE WOULD REPORT TO
HIS AUTHORITIES AND MEET LATER WITH LINSENMAIR TO GIVE
THE ANSWER, LINSENMAIR SHOULD STATE THAT HE WOULD NOT
REFUSE A MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING THE GDR
REPLY BUT STRESS THAT ANY SUCH MEETING MUST TAKE PLACE
VERY QUICKLY;

C. IF FUNK SHOULD TRY TO DISCUSS THE GDR REQUEST
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FOR ADDITIONAL LAND, LINSENMAIR SHOULD STATE THAT THIS
MATTER CAN BE DISCUSSED ONLY AFTER THE REICHSBAHN HAS
OBTAINED THE NECESSARY APPROVAL FROM THE AK FOR
IMPLEMENTING THE WORK CONTEMPLATED IN THE
DECEMBER 19 AGREEMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE USBER'S JOINING
WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH MISSIONS TO PROVIDE

INSTRUCTIONS TO LINSENMAIR ALONG LINES INDICATED ABOVE.
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